dharna before ITDC Headquarters on 7th April, 1989 in support of their demands;

(b) if so, what are the details of their demands;

(c) whether any member of Parliament had drawn the attention of the Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A One day Dharna was held before ITDC Headquarters on 7-4-89 from 9.30 A.M. to 6.00 P.M. under the banner "Paryatan Jan Mazdoor Sabha", formation and registration of which under the provisions of Trade Union Act has not been communicated to the ITDC. Letter dated 5.4.89 was received stating that Dharna will be held at ITDC Headquarters 'to ventilate the grievances and to educate the workers'. The posters pasted/displayed were under the caption 'Third Anniversary of Akbar Hotel (ITDC) Closure.'

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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878. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many officials are there in the Legal Department of ITDC's and what are their duties and responsibilities;

(b) what had been ITDC's yearwise legal expenditure on litigation during the last three years;

(c) whether the expenditure has risen considerably during this period, if so, what are the specific reasons for the same; and

(d) what steps are being taken to bring down the expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) There are six officials in the Corporate Legal Department of the ITDC including two executives. Their duties and responsibilities are briefly as under:—

(i) Drafting/vetting of agreements, lease deeds, contracts besides rendering advice on all legal matters in the Corporation.

(ii) Conducting of labour and other cases in lower courts/labour courts and industrial tribunals.

(iii) Maintenance of legal and other records.

(b) to (d) Legal expenditure on litigation is not being maintained separately. However, expenditure incurred by ITDC on advocates' fee and other charges relating to legal cases etc. has been as under:—

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)
1985-86	2.17
1986-87	2.84
1987-88	4.88

The increase in expenditure has been due to general rise in fee etc. However, in relation to turn-over the increase is marginal ranging between 0.03 per cent to 0.05 per cent.